

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	Lauren M. Herring		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the: <u>EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA</u>			
Case number (if known)	<u>19-16298</u>		

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106Sum

Summary of Your Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Fill out all of your schedules first; then complete the information on this form. If you are filing amended schedules after you file your original forms, you must fill out a new *Summary* and check the box at the top of this page.

Part 1: Summarize Your Assets

		Your assets Value of what you own
1.	Schedule A/B: Property (Official Form 106A/B)	\$ 152,030.70
1a.	Copy line 55, Total real estate, from Schedule A/B.....	\$ 152,030.70
1b.	Copy line 62, Total personal property, from Schedule A/B.....	\$ 10,396.00
1c.	Copy line 63, Total of all property on Schedule A/B.....	\$ 162,426.70

Part 2: Summarize Your Liabilities

		Your liabilities Amount you owe
2.	Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 106D)	\$ 138,390.00
2a.	Copy the total you listed in Column A, <i>Amount of claim</i> , at the bottom of the last page of Part 1 of <i>Schedule D</i> ...	\$ 138,390.00
3.	Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims (Official Form 106E/F)	\$ 0.00
3a.	Copy the total claims from Part 1 (priority unsecured claims) from line 6e of <i>Schedule E/F</i>	\$ 0.00
3b.	Copy the total claims from Part 2 (nonpriority unsecured claims) from line 6j of <i>Schedule E/F</i>	\$ 28,990.00
		Your total liabilities \$ 167,380.00

Part 3: Summarize Your Income and Expenses

4.	Schedule I: Your Income (Official Form 106I)	\$ 3,119.08
	Copy your combined monthly income from line 12 of <i>Schedule I</i>	\$ 3,119.08
5.	Schedule J: Your Expenses (Official Form 106J)	\$ 3,187.00
	Copy your monthly expenses from line 22c of <i>Schedule J</i>	\$ 3,187.00

Part 4: Answer These Questions for Administrative and Statistical Records

- Are you filing for bankruptcy under Chapters 7, 11, or 13?

No. You have nothing to report on this part of the form. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.

Yes
- What kind of debt do you have?

Your debts are primarily consumer debts. Consumer debts are those "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." 11 U.S.C. § 101(8). Fill out lines 8-9g for statistical purposes. 28 U.S.C. § 159.

Your debts are not primarily consumer debts. You have nothing to report on this part of the form. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.

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8. **From the Statement of Your Current Monthly Income:** Copy your total current monthly income from Official Form 122A-1 Line 11; OR, Form 122B Line 11; OR, Form 122C-1 Line 14.

\$	<u>4,215.59</u>
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9. **Copy the following special categories of claims from Part 4, line 6 of Schedule E/F:**

From Part 4 on Schedule E/F, copy the following:	Total claim
9a. Domestic support obligations (Copy line 6a.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government. (Copy line 6b.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated. (Copy line 6c.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9d. Student loans. (Copy line 6f.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9e. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims. (Copy line 6g.)	\$ <u>0.00</u>
9f. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts. (Copy line 6h.)	+\$ <u>0.00</u>
9g. Total. Add lines 9a through 9f.	\$ <u>0.00</u>

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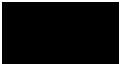
Official Form 106Dec

Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules

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You must file this form whenever you file bankruptcy schedules or amended schedules. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

 Sign Below

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is NOT an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

No

Yes. Name of person _____

Attach *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119)

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the summary and schedules filed with this declaration and that they are true and correct.

X /s/ Lauren M. Herring

Lauren M. Herring
Signature of Debtor 1

Date November 11, 2019

X

Signature of Debtor 2

Date _____

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Official Form 107

Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Give Details About Your Marital Status and Where You Lived Before

1. What is your current marital status?

- Married
 Not married

2. During the last 3 years, have you lived anywhere other than where you live now?

- No
 Yes. List all of the places you lived in the last 3 years. Do not include where you live now.

Debtor 1 Prior Address:

Dates Debtor 1
lived there

Debtor 2 Prior Address:

Dates Debtor 2
lived there

3. Within the last 8 years, did you ever live with a spouse or legal equivalent in a community property state or territory? (Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.)

- No
 Yes. Make sure you fill out Schedule H: Your Codebtors (Official Form 106H).

Part 2 Explain the Sources of Your Income

4. Did you have any income from employment or from operating a business during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Fill in the total amount of income you received from all jobs and all businesses, including part-time activities.
If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you receive together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

- No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Debtor 1	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Debtor 2	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
Sources of income Check all that apply.		Sources of income Check all that apply.	
From January 1 of current year until the date you filed for bankruptcy: From January 1 of current year until the date you filed for bankruptcy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$27,106.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	

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	Debtor 1 Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Debtor 2 Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
For last calendar year: (January 1 to December 31, 2018)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$35,943.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	
For the calendar year before that: (January 1 to December 31, 2017)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$37,574.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	

5. Did you receive any other income during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Include income regardless of whether that income is taxable. Examples of *other income* are alimony; child support; Social Security, unemployment, and other public benefit payments; pensions; rental income; interest; dividends; money collected from lawsuits; royalties; and gambling and lottery winnings. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you received together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

List each source and the gross income from each source separately. Do not include income that you listed in line 4.

- No
- Yes. Fill in the details.

Debtor 1 Sources of income Describe below.	Gross income from each source (before deductions and exclusions)	Debtor 2 Sources of income Describe below.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)

Part 3: List Certain Payments You Made Before You Filed for Bankruptcy**6. Are either Debtor 1's or Debtor 2's debts primarily consumer debts?**

- No. Neither Debtor 1 nor Debtor 2 has primarily consumer debts. Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$6,825* or more?

- No. Go to line 7.
- Yes. List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$6,825* or more in one or more payments and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

* Subject to adjustment on 4/01/22 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.

- Yes. **Debtor 1 or Debtor 2 or both have primarily consumer debts.**

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$600 or more?

- No. Go to line 7.
- Yes. List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$600 or more and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

Creditor's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Was this payment for ...
Pa Housing Finance Age 2101 N Front St Harrisburg, PA 17105	monthly mortgage payment	\$3,005.00	\$134,379.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mortgage <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Repayment <input type="checkbox"/> Suppliers or vendors <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

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Creditor's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Was this payment for ...
Pa Housing Finance Age 2101 N Front St Harrisburg, PA 17105	monthly 2nd mortgage balance	\$150.00	\$4,011.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mortgage <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Repayment <input type="checkbox"/> Suppliers or vendors <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

7. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make a payment on a debt you owed anyone who was an insider?

Insiders include your relatives; any general partners; relatives of any general partners; partnerships of which you are a general partner; corporations of which you are an officer, director, person in control, or owner of 20% or more of their voting securities; and any managing agent, including one for a business you operate as a sole proprietor. 11 U.S.C. § 101. Include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony.

- No
 Yes. List all payments to an insider.

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment
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8. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make any payments or transfer any property on account of a debt that benefited an insider?

Include payments on debts guaranteed or cosigned by an insider.

- No
 Yes. List all payments to an insider

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment
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Part 4: Identify Legal Actions, Repossessions, and Foreclosures

9. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were you a party in any lawsuit, court action, or administrative proceeding?

List all such matters, including personal injury cases, small claims actions, divorces, collection suits, paternity actions, support or custody modifications, and contract disputes.

- No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Case title Case number	Nature of the case	Court or agency	Status of the case
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10. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property repossessed, foreclosed, garnished, attached, seized, or levied?

Check all that apply and fill in the details below.

- No. Go to line 11.
 Yes. Fill in the information below.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the Property	Date	Value of the property
	Explain what happened		

11. Within 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did any creditor, including a bank or financial institution, set off any amounts from your accounts or refuse to make a payment because you owed a debt?

- No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the action the creditor took	Date action was taken	Amount
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12. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property in the possession of an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a court-appointed receiver, a custodian, or another official?

- No
 Yes

Part 5: List Certain Gifts and Contributions

13. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person?

- No
 Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.

Gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person	Describe the gifts	Dates you gave the gifts	Value
Person to Whom You Gave the Gift and Address:			

14. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts or contributions with a total value of more than \$600 to any charity?

- No
 Yes. Fill in the details for each gift or contribution.

Gifts or contributions to charities that total more than \$600	Charity's Name	Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe what you contributed	Dates you contributed	Value

Part 6: List Certain Losses

15. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy or since you filed for bankruptcy, did you lose anything because of theft, fire, other disaster, or gambling?

- No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Describe the property you lost and how the loss occurred	Describe any insurance coverage for the loss	Date of your loss	Value of property lost
	Include the amount that insurance has paid. List pending insurance claims on line 33 of Schedule A/B: Property.		

Part 7: List Certain Payments or Transfers

16. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone you consulted about seeking bankruptcy or preparing a bankruptcy petition?

Include any attorneys, bankruptcy petition preparers, or credit counseling agencies for services required in your bankruptcy.

- No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid Address Email or website address Person Who Made the Payment, if Not You	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
Mendelsohn and Mendelsohn, P.C. 637 Walnut Street Reading, PA 19601 tobykmendelsohn@comcast.net debtor's mother	Attorney Fees	10/7/19	\$600.00

17. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone who promised to help you deal with your creditors or to make payments to your creditors?

Do not include any payment or transfer that you listed on line 16.

- No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid Address	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment

18. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you sell, trade, or otherwise transfer any property to anyone, other than property transferred in the ordinary course of your business or financial affairs?

Include both outright transfers and transfers made as security (such as the granting of a security interest or mortgage on your property). Do not include gifts and transfers that you have already listed on this statement.

No

Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Received Transfer Address	Description and value of property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
Person's relationship to you			

19. Within 10 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you transfer any property to a self-settled trust or similar device of which you are a beneficiary? (These are often called asset-protection devices.)

No

Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of trust	Description and value of the property transferred	Date Transfer was made

Part 8: List of Certain Financial Accounts, Instruments, Safe Deposit Boxes, and Storage Units

20. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were any financial accounts or instruments held in your name, or for your benefit, closed, sold, moved, or transferred?

Include checking, savings, money market, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in banks, credit unions, brokerage houses, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, and other financial institutions.

No

Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution and Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Last 4 digits of account number	Type of account or instrument	Date account was closed, sold, moved, or transferred	Last balance before closing or transfer

21. Do you now have, or did you have within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, any safe deposit box or other depository for securities, cash, or other valuables?

No

Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?

22. Have you stored property in a storage unit or place other than your home within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy?

No

Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Storage Facility Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else has or had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?

Part 9: Identify Property You Hold or Control for Someone Else

23. Do you hold or control any property that someone else owns? Include any property you borrowed from, are storing for, or hold in trust for someone.

No

Yes. Fill in the details.

Owner's Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Where is the property? (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the property	Value

Part 10: Give Details About Environmental Information

For the purpose of Part 10, the following definitions apply:

- Environmental law means any federal, state, or local statute or regulation concerning pollution, contamination, releases of hazardous or

toxic substances, wastes, or material into the air, land, soil, surface water, groundwater, or other medium, including statutes or regulations controlling the cleanup of these substances, wastes, or material.

- Site** means any location, facility, or property as defined under any environmental law, whether you now own, operate, or utilize it or used to own, operate, or utilize it, including disposal sites.
- Hazardous material** means anything an environmental law defines as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous material, pollutant, contaminant, or similar term.

Report all notices, releases, and proceedings that you know about, regardless of when they occurred.

24. Has any governmental unit notified you that you may be liable or potentially liable under or in violation of an environmental law?

- No
- Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Governmental unit Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice
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25. Have you notified any governmental unit of any release of hazardous material?

- No
- Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Governmental unit Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice
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26. Have you been a party in any judicial or administrative proceeding under any environmental law? Include settlements and orders.

- No
- Yes. Fill in the details.

Case Title Case Number	Court or agency Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Nature of the case	Status of the case
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Part 11: Give Details About Your Business or Connections to Any Business

27. Within 4 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you own a business or have any of the following connections to any business?

- A sole proprietor or self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity, either full-time or part-time
- A member of a limited liability company (LLC) or limited liability partnership (LLP)
- A partner in a partnership
- An officer, director, or managing executive of a corporation
- An owner of at least 5% of the voting or equity securities of a corporation
- No. None of the above applies. Go to Part 12.
- Yes. Check all that apply above and fill in the details below for each business.

Business Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the nature of the business Name of accountant or bookkeeper	Employer Identification number Do not include Social Security number or ITIN. Dates business existed
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28. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give a financial statement to anyone about your business? Include all financial institutions, creditors, or other parties.

- No
- Yes. Fill in the details below.

Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Date Issued
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Part 12: Sign Below

I have read the answers on this **Statement of Financial Affairs** and any attachments, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers
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/s/ Lauren M. Herring

Lauren M. Herring

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Date November 11, 2019

Date _____

Did you attach additional pages to *Your Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 107)?

- No
 Yes

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

- No
 Yes. Name of Person _____. Attach the *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119).

Fill in this information to identify your case:

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	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Official Form 108

Statement of Intention for Individuals Filing Under Chapter 7

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If you are an individual filing under chapter 7, you must fill out this form if:

- creditors have claims secured by your property, or
- you have leased personal property and the lease has not expired.

You must file this form with the court within 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition or by the date set for the meeting of creditors, whichever is earlier, unless the court extends the time for cause. You must also send copies to the creditors and lessors you list on the form

If two married people are filing together in a joint case, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Both debtors must sign and date the form.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

Part 1: List Your Creditors Who Have Secured Claims

1. For any creditors that you listed in Part 1 of Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 106D), fill in the information below.

Identify the creditor and the property that is collateral	What do you intend to do with the property that secures a debt?	Did you claim the property as exempt on Schedule C?
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Creditor's name:

Description of property securing debt:
450 Wisteria Ave. Reading, PA
19606 Berks County
Debtor purchased property in May 2016 for \$142,000

Current value - \$168,923.00
minus 10% COS = \$152,030.70

- Surrender the property.
- Retain the property and redeem it.
- Retain the property and enter into a *Reaffirmation Agreement*.
- Retain the property and [explain]:

No

Yes

Make monthly payments

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No

Yes

make monthly payments

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Part 2: List Your Unexpired Personal Property Leases

For any unexpired personal property lease that you listed in Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 106G), fill in the information below. Do not list real estate leases. Unexpired leases are leases that are still in effect; the lease period has not yet ended. You may assume an unexpired personal property lease if the trustee does not assume it. 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2).

Part 3: Sign Below

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have indicated my intention about any property of my estate that secures a debt and any personal property that is subject to an unexpired lease.

X /s/ Lauren M. Herring

Lauren M. Herring

Signature of Debtor 1

X

Signature of Debtor 2

Date

November 11, 2019

Date

Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

This notice is for you if:

You are an individual filing for bankruptcy,
and

Your debts are primarily consumer debts.
Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan for individuals with regular income

You should have an attorney review your decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of chapter.

Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245 filing fee

\$75 administrative fee

+ \$15 trustee surcharge

\$335 total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A-1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form —the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2). The calculations on the form— sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

Chapter 11: Reorganization

\$1,167	filing fee
+ \$550	administrative fee
\$1,717 total fee	

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

\$200	filing fee
+	<u>\$75 administrative fee</u>
	\$275 total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

\$235	filing fee
+	<u>\$75 administrative fee</u>
	\$310 total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

- domestic support obligations,
- most student loans,
- certain taxes,
- debts for fraud or theft,
- debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,
- most criminal fines and restitution obligations,
- certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,
- certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and
- certain long-term secured debts.

Warning: File Your Forms on Time

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to:

http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_form_s.html#procedure.

Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Make sure the court has your mailing address

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days **before** you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from:

http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCreditAndDebtCounselors.aspx>

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of Pennsylvania**

In re Lauren M. Herring

Debtor(s)

Case No. 19-16298
Chapter 7

DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept	\$ <u>600.00</u>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received	\$ <u>600.00</u>
Balance Due	\$ <u>0.00</u>

2. The source of the compensation paid to me was:

Debtor Other (specify): **Compensation paid by debtor's mother since debtor's bank account was frozen at the time of filing by a creditor.**

3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

Debtor Other (specify):

4. I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.

5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
- c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- d. [Other provisions as needed]

Negotiations with secured creditors to reduce to market value; exemption planning; preparation and filing of reaffirmation agreements and applications as needed; preparation and filing of motions pursuant to 11 USC 522(f)(2)(A) for avoidance of liens on household goods.

6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

Representation of the debtors in any dischargeability actions, judicial lien avoidances, relief from stay actions or any other adversary proceeding.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

November 11, 2019

Date

/s/ Brenna H. Mendelsohn

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Signature of Attorney

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